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A New Black Comet has arrived, bearing more Black Arms. Where did they come from? How did they survive Black Doom's defeat? Nobody knows, and Shadow isn't stopping to ask. He leads Team Dark and G.U.N.'s Spider Troupe on a mission to blow up the New Black Comet and stop the mysterious aliens.

Shadow and his team **MUST** repel these evil invaders, **or the world and all its people are doomed...**



WHO'S WHO



**SHADOW
THE HEDGEHOG**
THE ULTIMATE LIFEFORM



ROUGE THE BAT
SUPER SPY



E-123 OMEGA
ROGUE BADNIK



BLACK ARMS
EVIL ALIENS

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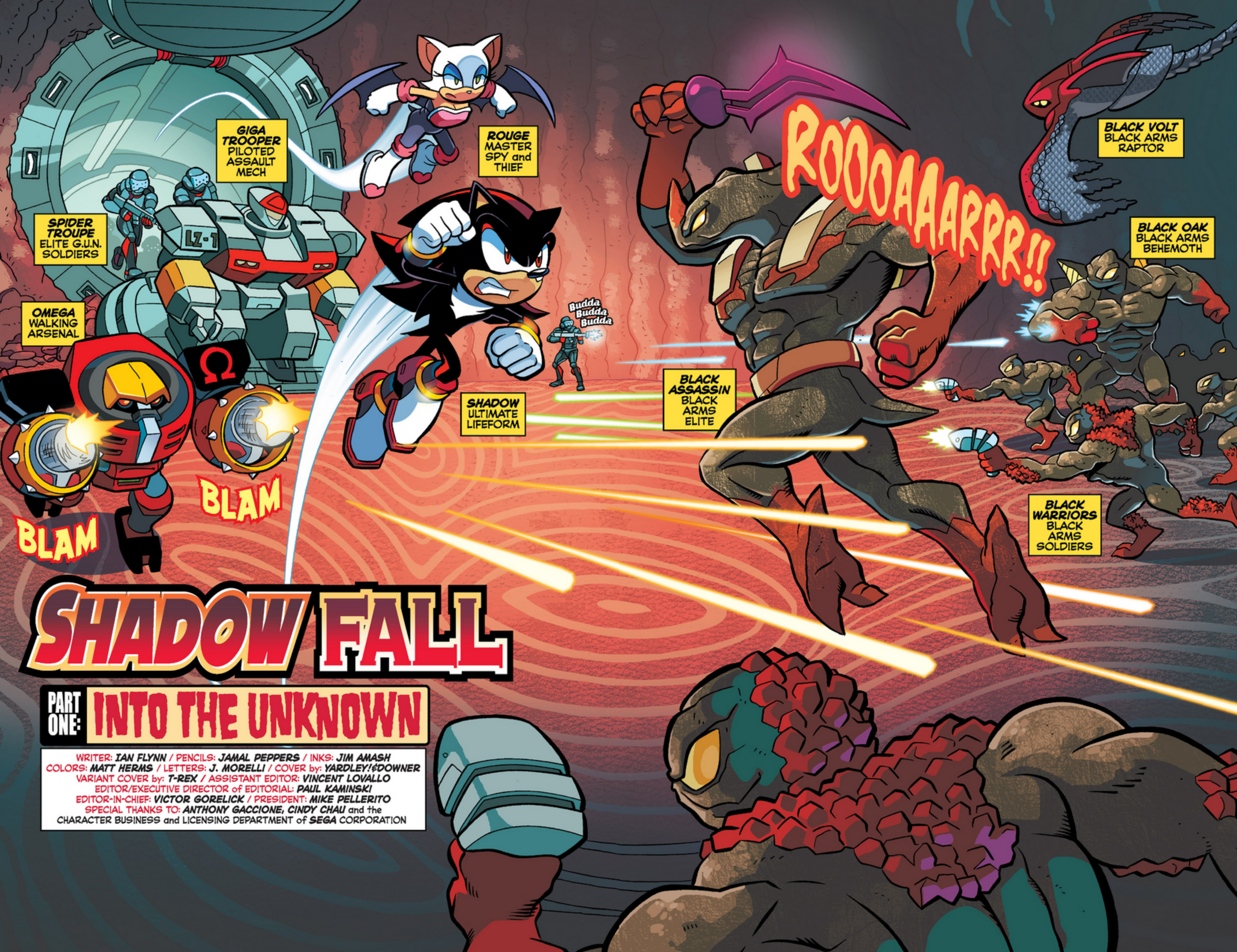
"LOCK 'N' LOAD,
SPIDER TROUPE.
WE GO HOT IN
FIVE."

WE'VE MASKED OUR APPROACH,
BUT IF THOSE BUG-EYED FREAKS
HAVE ANY WINDOWS ON THAT
THING, THEY KNOW WE'RE
COMING.

DO NOT ACCEPT A WARM WELCOME.
THE MINUTE WE DOCK, YOU ARE ALL
CLEARED TO FIRE AT WILL.

DOCK!
DOCK!
DOCK!

"THESE ALIEN SCUMBAGS HAVE
CROSSED THE GALAXY TO RUIN
OUR LIVES. LET'S GO GIVE 'EM
A PROPER 'HELLO'!"



GIGA
TROOPER
PILOTED
ASSAULT
MECH

ROUGE
MASTER
SPY and
THIEF

SPIDER
TROUPE
ELITE G.U.N.
SOLDIERS

OMEGA
WALKING
ARSENAL

SHADOW
ULTIMATE
LIFEFORM

BLACK
ASSASSIN
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ARMS
ELITE

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BLACK ARMS
RAPTOR

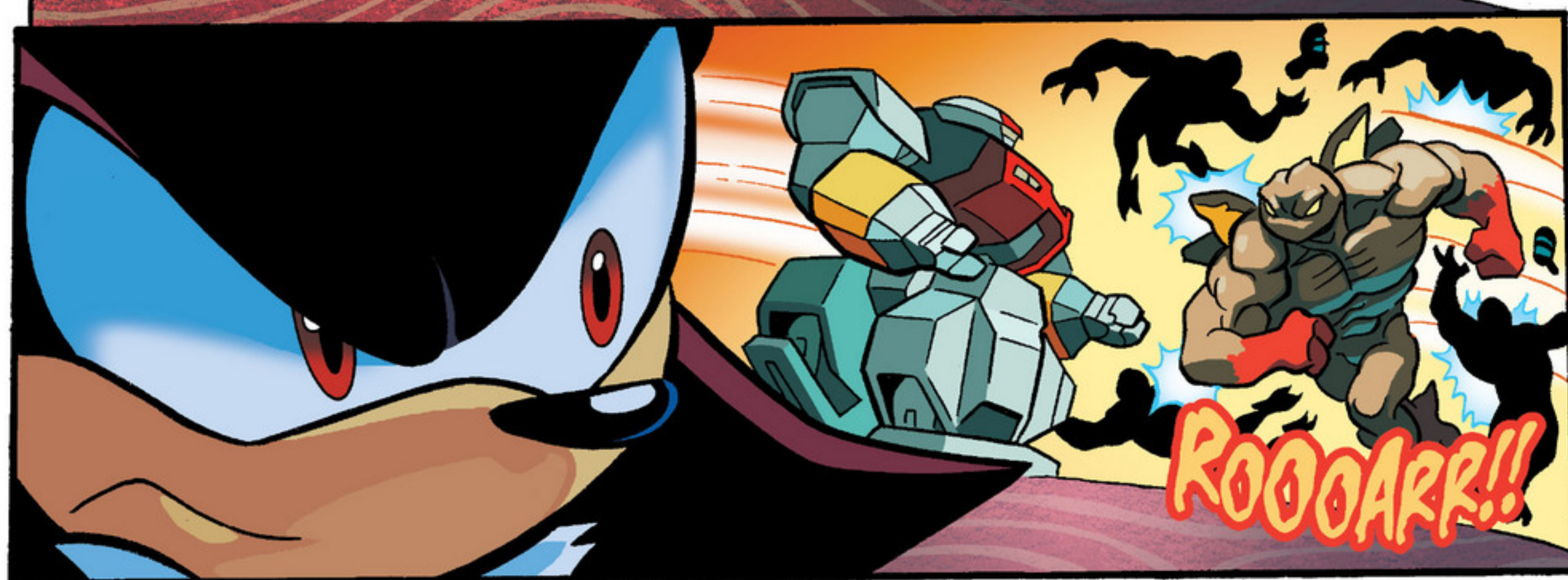
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BEHEMOTH

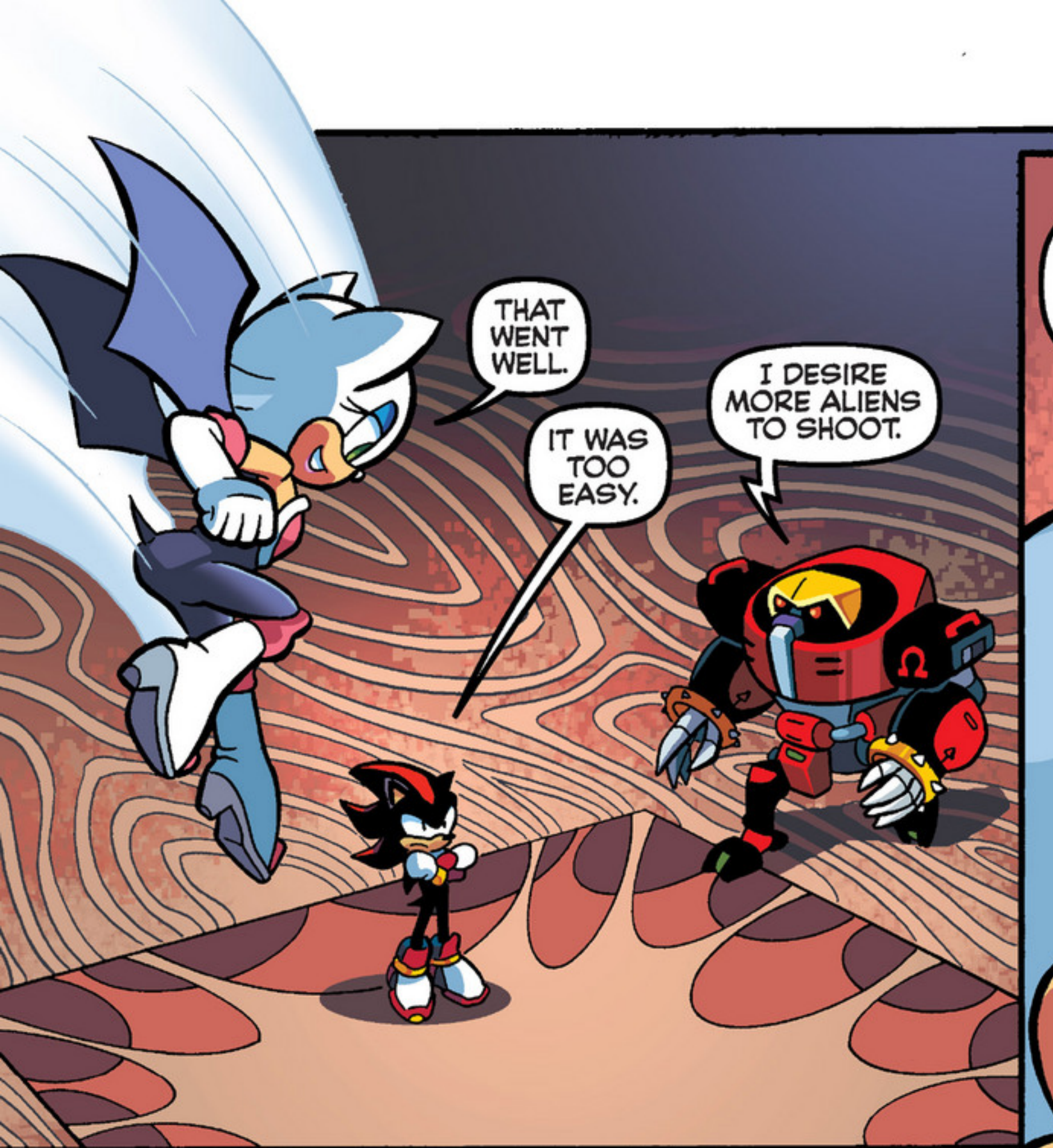
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WARRIORS
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ARMS
SOLDIERS

SHADOW FALL

PART ONE: INTO THE UNKNOWN

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THAT WENT WELL.

IT WAS TOO EASY.

I DESIRE MORE ALIENS TO SHOOT.

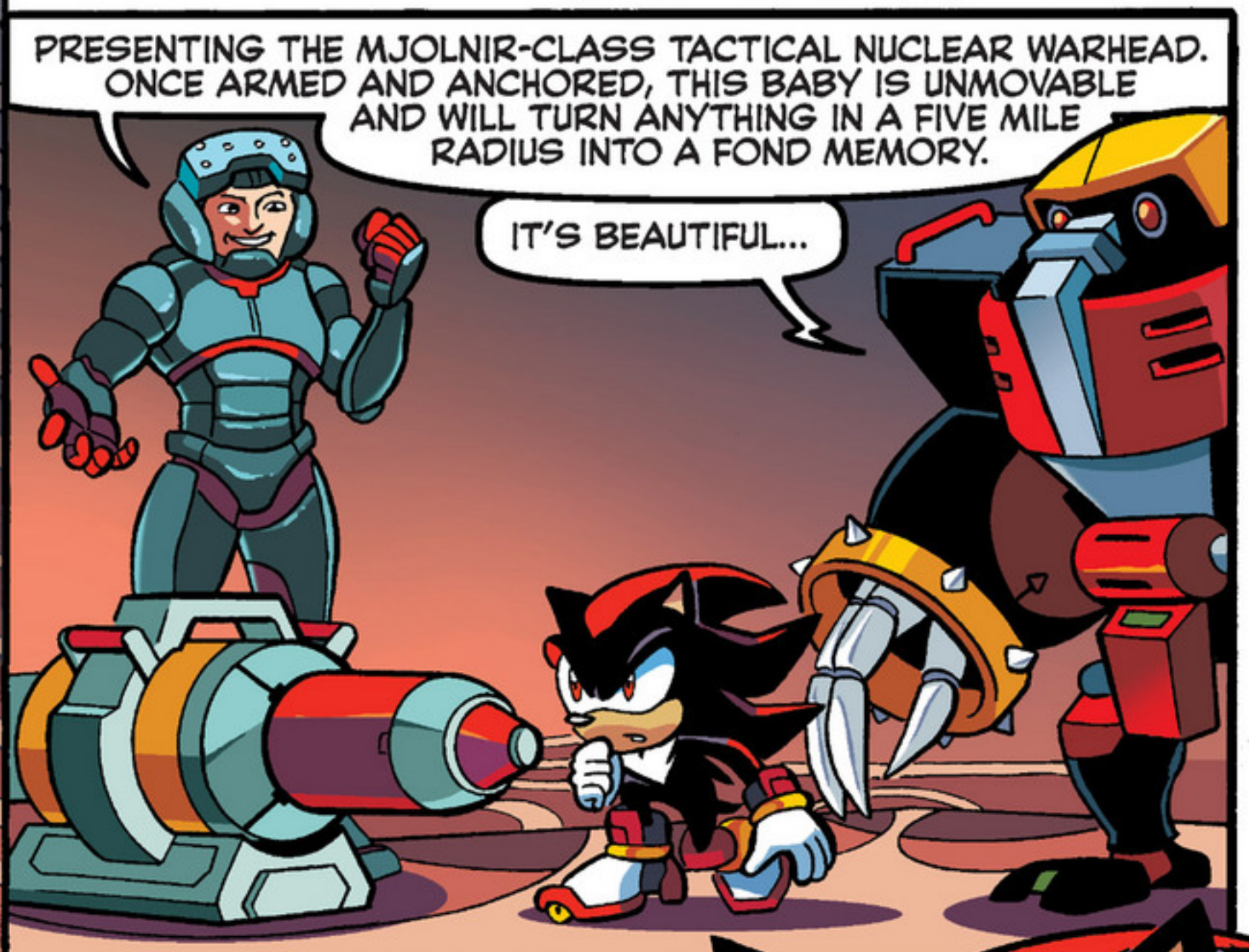


Oh BROTHER. DON'T WORRY, BOYS, I'M SURE THINGS WILL GET **MUCH** WORSE. THEN YOU TWO CAN BE HAPPY BEING MISERABLE.

JOKE ALL YOU WANT. THEY LET US BOARD AND SENT ONLY A TOKEN RESISTANCE. SOMETHING ISN'T RIGHT.



WE'RE HERE TO **MAKE** THINGS **RIGHT**. HAPPY BIRTH-DAY, HEDGEHOG. I HOPE YOU LIKE WHAT WE GOT YOU.



PRESENTING THE MJOLNIR-CLASS TACTICAL NUCLEAR WARHEAD. ONCE ARMED AND ANCHORED, THIS BABY IS UNMOVABLE AND WILL TURN ANYTHING IN A FIVE MILE RADIUS INTO A FOND MEMORY.

IT'S BEAUTIFUL...



THE BLACK ARMS WILL BE WIPED OUT COMPLETELY. THIS... THIS IS OUR MISSION.

EARLIER--
G.U.N. HQ

COMMANDER TOWER
G.U.N. COMMANDER

...A NEW MISSION FOR BOTH SPIDER TROUPE AND TEAM DARK. AS WE SPEAK, THE FLYING FLEET AND MAJORITY OF OUR FORCES ARE DEVOTED TO OPERATION: TRIAGE TO DEAL WITH THE SHATTERING OF THE PLANET.*

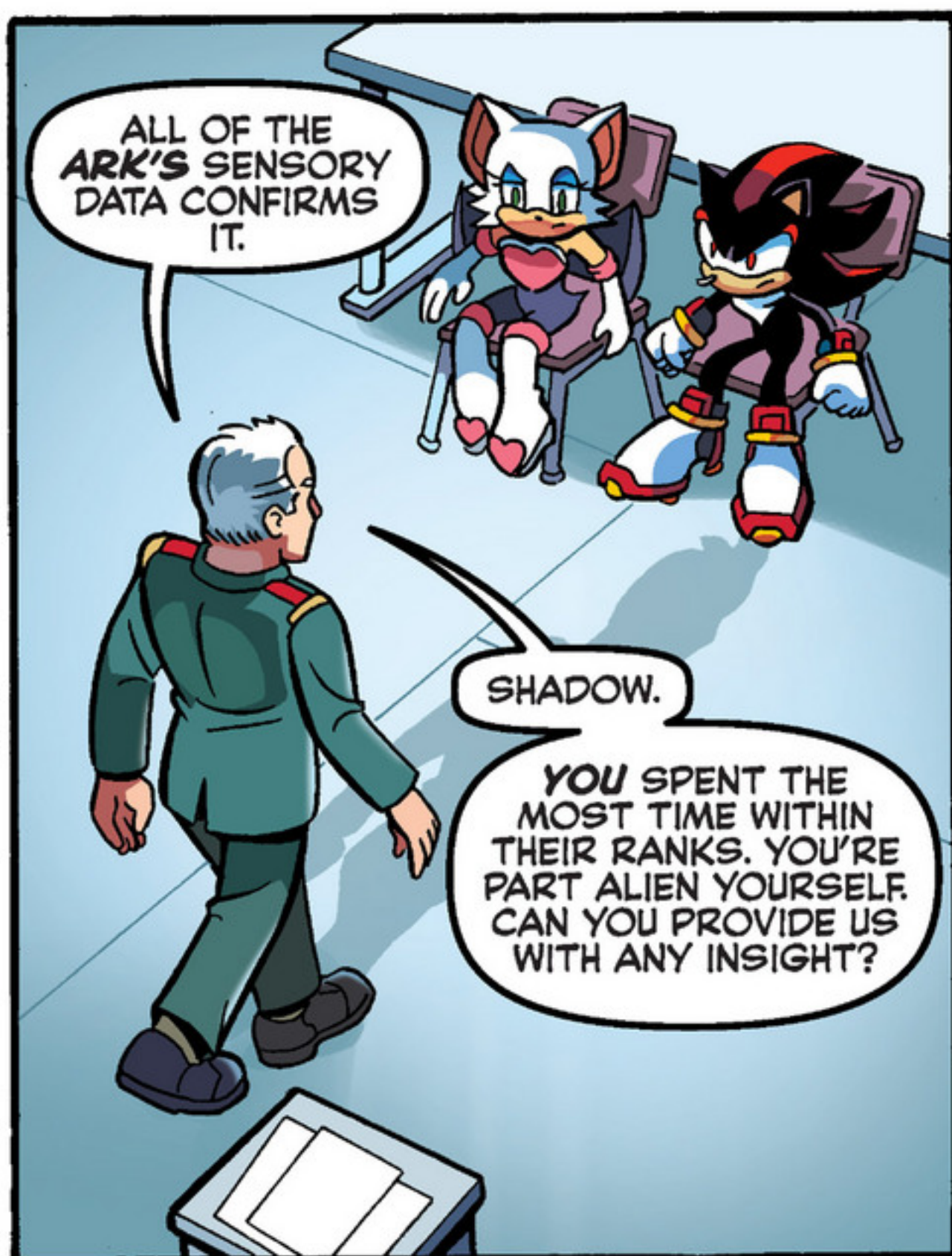
*STH #256

BUT ANOTHER CRISIS HAS ARISEN. WHAT I'M ABOUT TO TELL YOU MUST REMAIN STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL. IF THE PUBLIC WERE TO LEARN OF THIS, THE ALREADY TERRIBLE SITUATION WILL SPIRAL OUT OF CONTROL.

OUT WITH IT, THEN.

WE'VE DETECTED A NEW BLACK COMET ON A DIRECT COURSE FOR OUR WORLD. THE BLACK ARMS ARE **BACK**.

INBOUND 361,200 KM
AND CLOSING

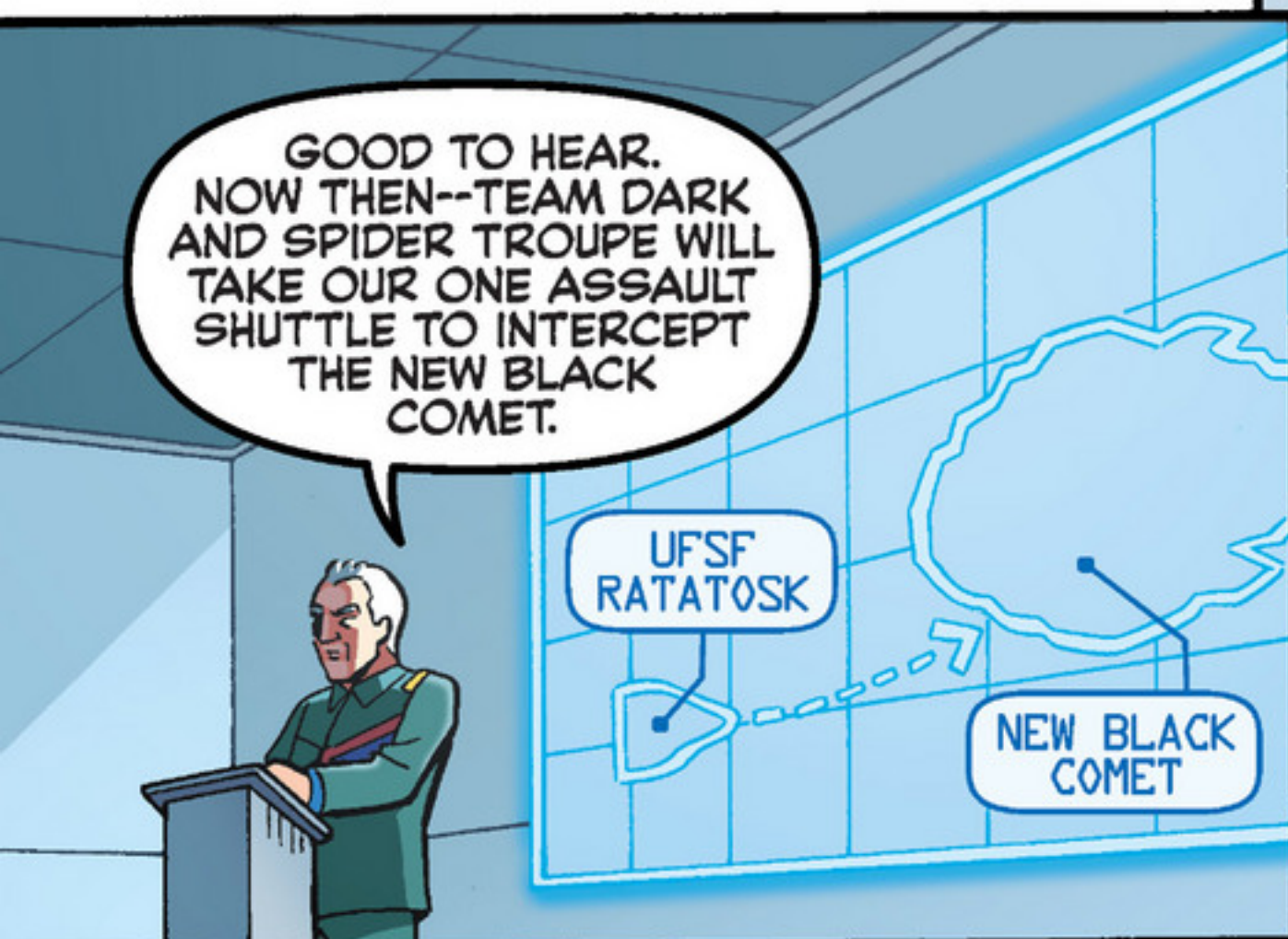


THEIR LEADER, BLACK DOOM... DID NOT SHARE MUCH WITH ME. ANY DISCUSSIONS WE HAD WERE ABOUT THE INVASION, NOT ABOUT... OTHER BLACK ARMS COLONIES...



REGARDLESS--IF THESE ARE THE BLACK ARMS, OR IMPOSTERS, THEY POSE A THREAT TO THE WORLD I'VE SWORN TO PROTECT. I WILL DESTROY THEM.

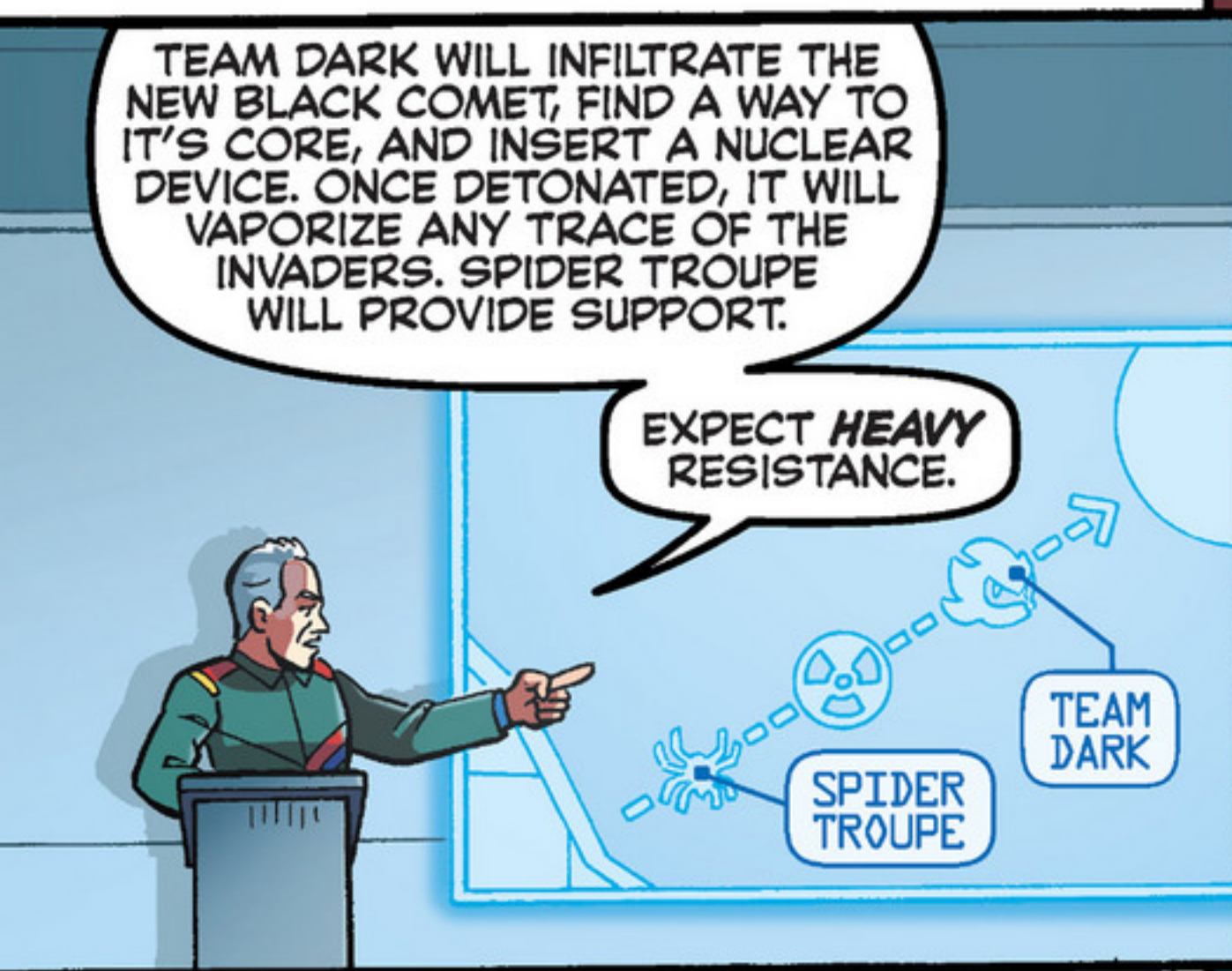




GOOD TO HEAR. NOW THEN--TEAM DARK AND SPIDER TROUPE WILL TAKE OUR ONE ASSAULT SHUTTLE TO INTERCEPT THE NEW BLACK COMET.

UFSF RATATOSK

NEW BLACK COMET



TEAM DARK WILL INFILTRATE THE NEW BLACK COMET, FIND A WAY TO IT'S CORE, AND INSERT A NUCLEAR DEVICE. ONCE DETONATED, IT WILL VAPORIZE ANY TRACE OF THE INVADERS. SPIDER TROUPE WILL PROVIDE SUPPORT.

EXPECT *HEAVY* RESISTANCE.

SPIDER TROUPE

TEAM DARK



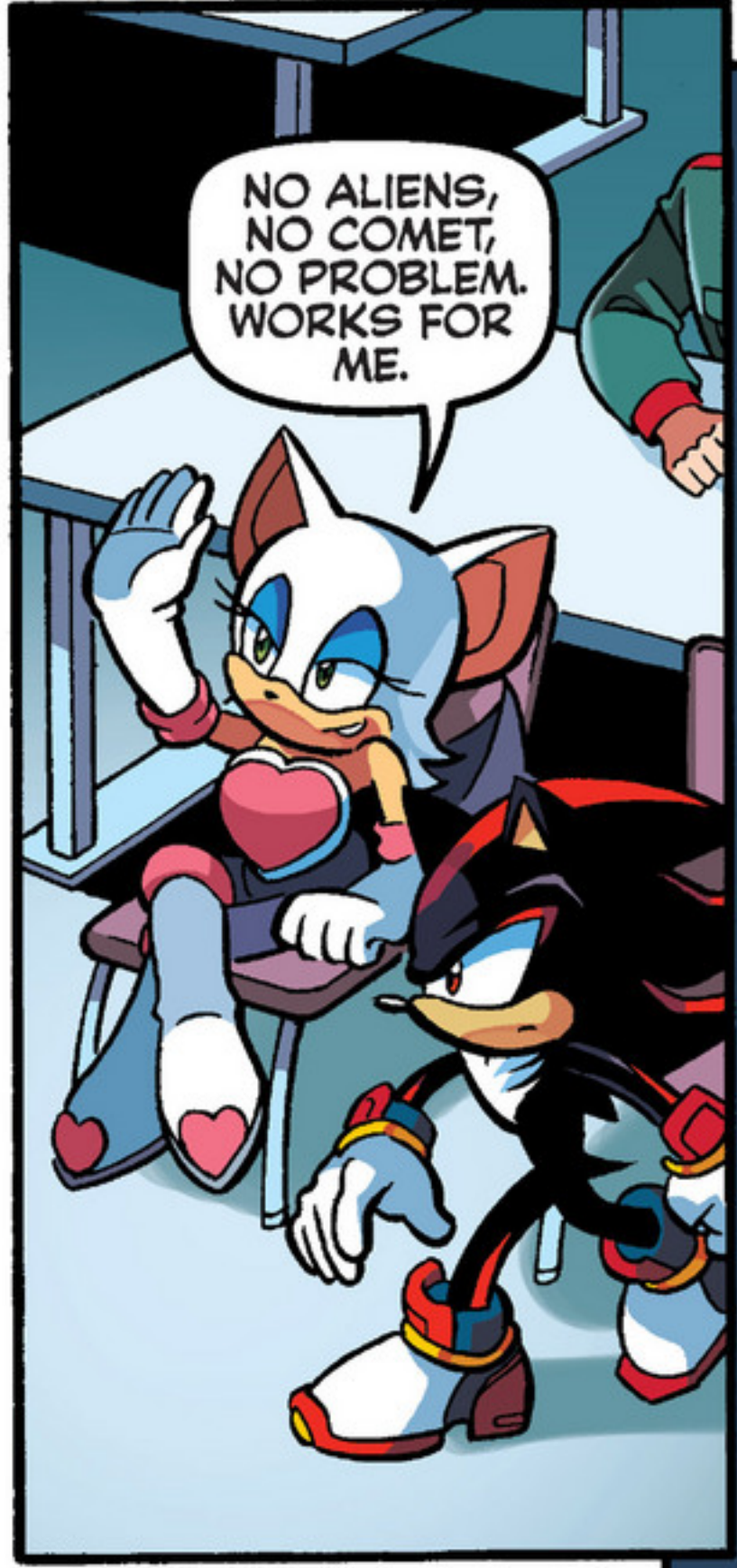
SIR, WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, ISN'T THAT A BIT OVERKILL?

IT'S THE SIMPLEST OPTION. EVEN IF WE COULD ELIMINATE ALL THE ALIEN FORCES INSIDE--

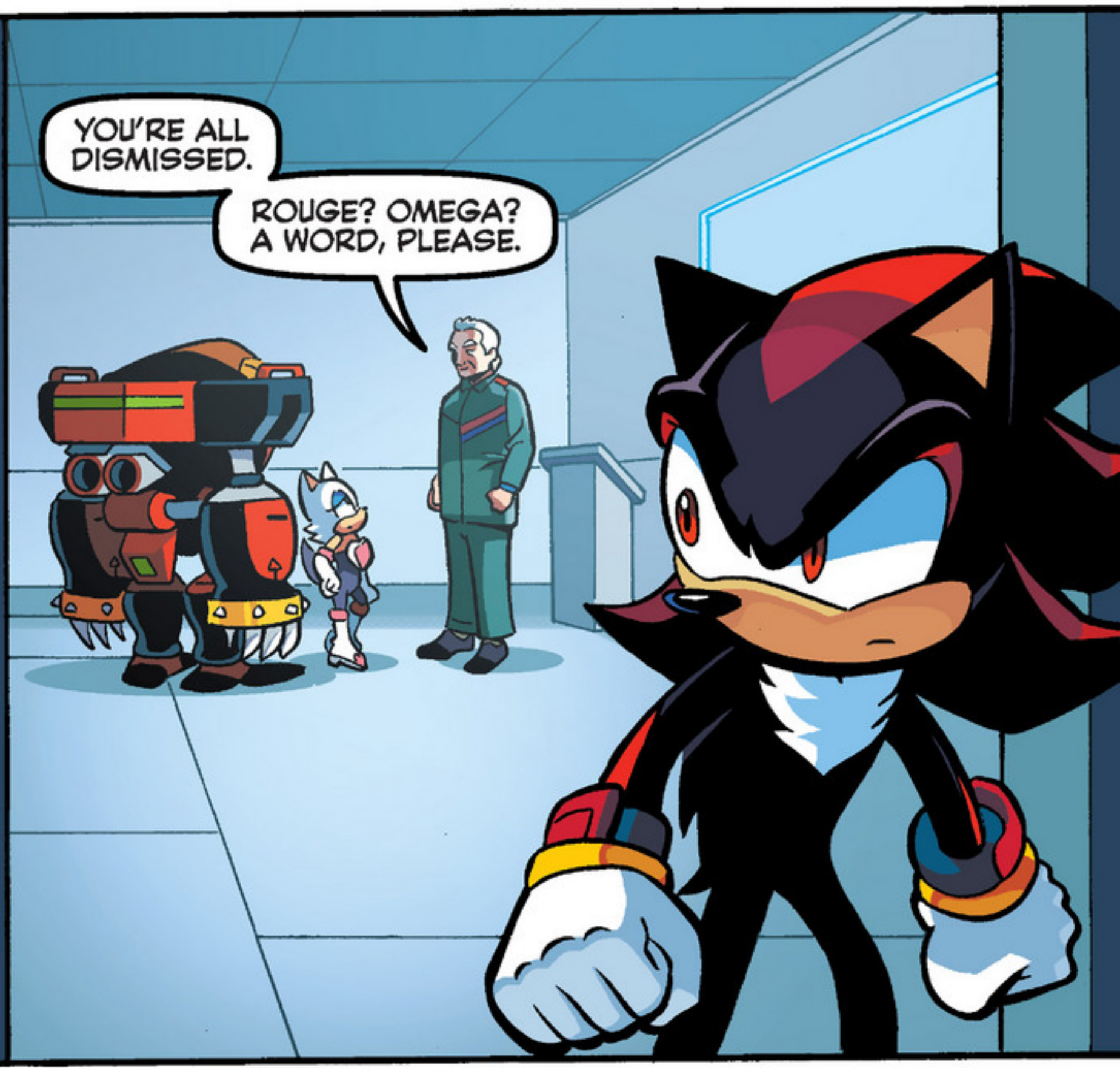
I COULD DO IT.

--THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THE UNPILOTED COMET WOULDN'T HIT US. THE PLANET OBVIOUSLY DOESN'T NEED ANY MORE DAMAGE. WE'RE BLOWING IT UP TO REMOVE ALL POTENTIAL THREATS.

I COULD DO THAT AS WELL!



NO ALIENS, NO COMET, NO PROBLEM. WORKS FOR ME.



YOU'RE ALL DISMISSED.

ROUGE? OMEGA? A WORD, PLEASE.

Now

PERIMETER
SECURE. ALL
HOSTILES
CONFIRMED
NEUTRALIZED.

GOOD
WORK,
COOPER.
LET'S GET
READY FOR
THE NEXT
PUSH.

SO...THESE CERTAINLY
SEEM LIKE THE SAME
TYPES OF ALIENS WE
FOUGHT BEFORE.
STILL THINK THEY'RE
IMPOSTERS?

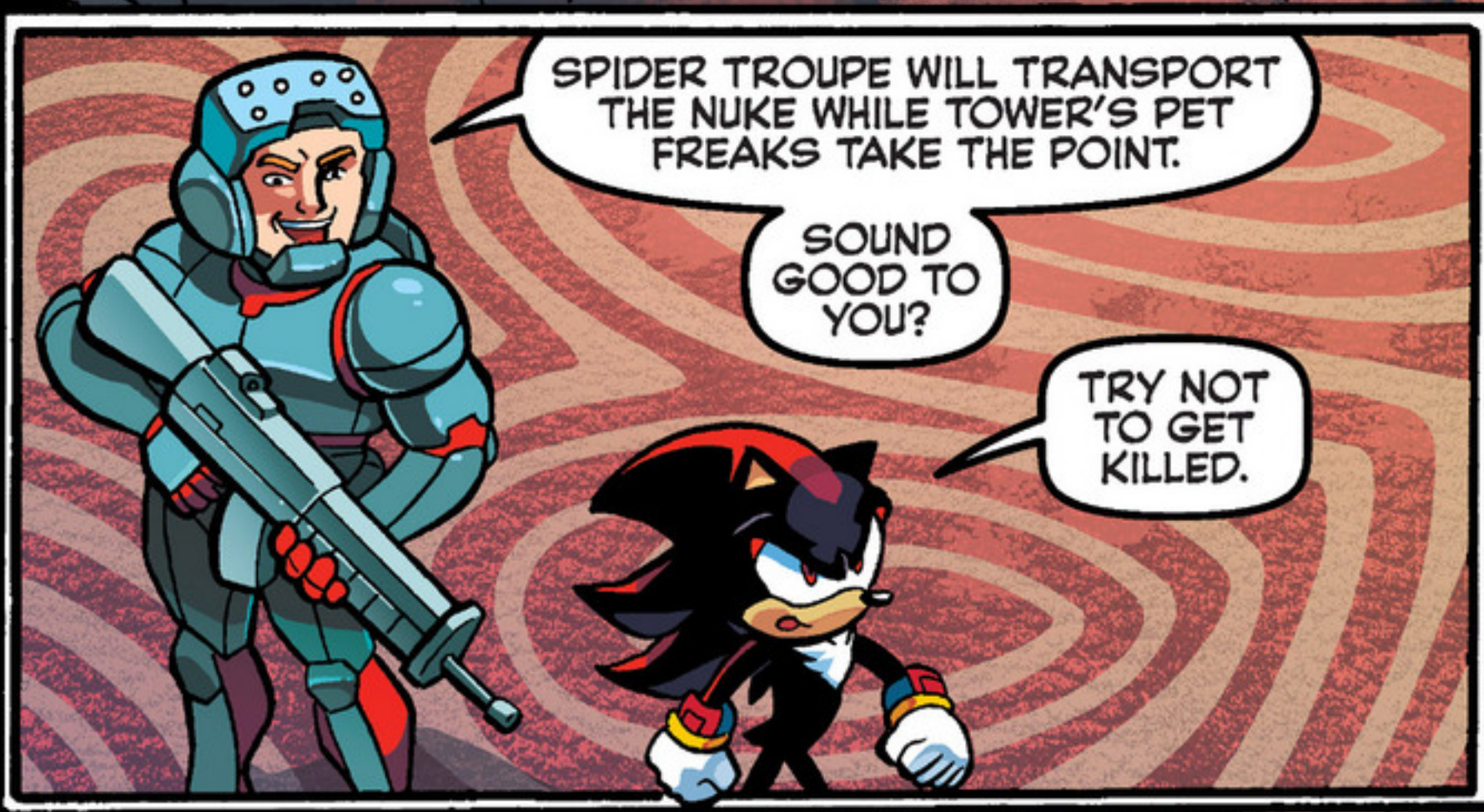
I...DON'T
KNOW. I SENSED
THAT THE BLACK
ARMS WERE ONE
RACE, ALL IN THE
SAME PLACE.

"SENSED?"

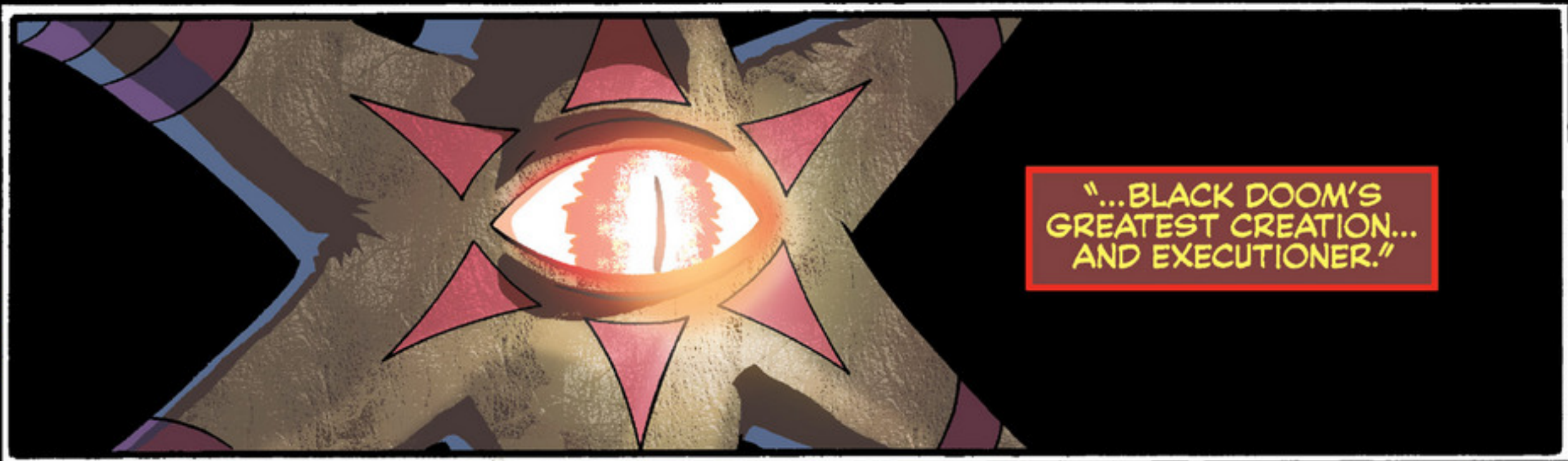
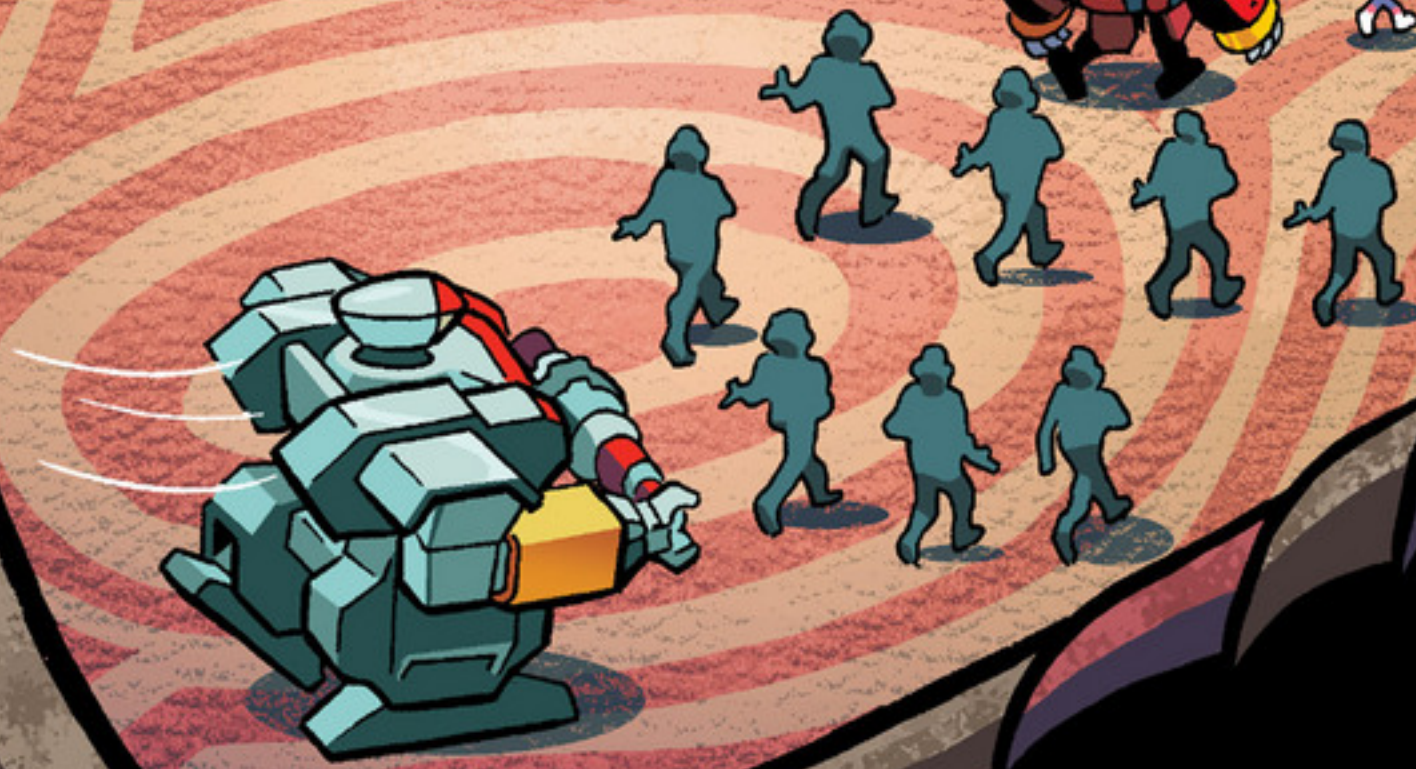
I SHARE A...
LOOSE CONNECTION
WITH THEIR HIVE-MIND.
THEIR BLOOD IS IN
MY VEINS. I CAN...
KNOW SOME OF
WHAT THEY KNOW.
FEEL THEM MOVING
THROUGH THE
COMET...

WELL...DON'T GO TOO DEEP INTO
THEIR THOUGHTS. WE DON'T WANT
YOU THINKING LIKE YOU'RE
ONE OF THEM.

Hmph.
WE'RE
WASTING
TIME.
LET'S
GO.



"AND HERE THEY COME.
HERE **HE** COMES..."



"...BLACK DOOM'S
GREATEST CREATION...
AND EXECUTIONER."

I KNEW THIS
MEETING WOULD BE
INEVITABLE. I JUST
ASSUMED IT WOULD
BE MORE ON MY
TERMS.





PERHAPS IT'S FOR THE BEST. THE HUMANS WILL PROVIDE MUCH-NEEDED NOURISHMENT FOR MY SMALL ARMY. IT HAS BEEN TOO LONG SINCE WE HAD A PROPER MEAL...



...ESPECIALLY SINCE WE DELAYED OURSELVES FOR THE SAKE OF *YOUR* EXPERIMENT.

THE DARK ARMS WILL MAKE US **STRONG**, MY MASTER. NOW, MORE THAN EVER, YOUR CHILDREN **NEED** STRENGTH.

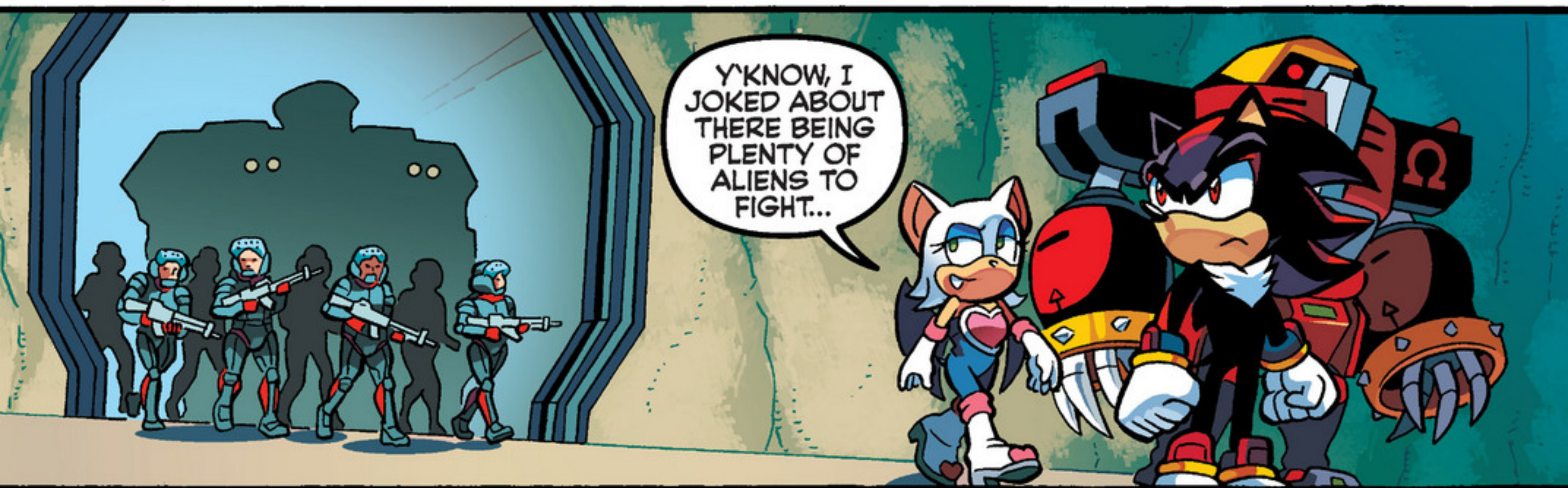


TRUE ENOUGH. AND YOU... YOU WILL GET TO FULFILL YOUR PURPOSE EARLIER THAN EXPECTED. SHADOW WILL PAY FOR HIS TREASON.

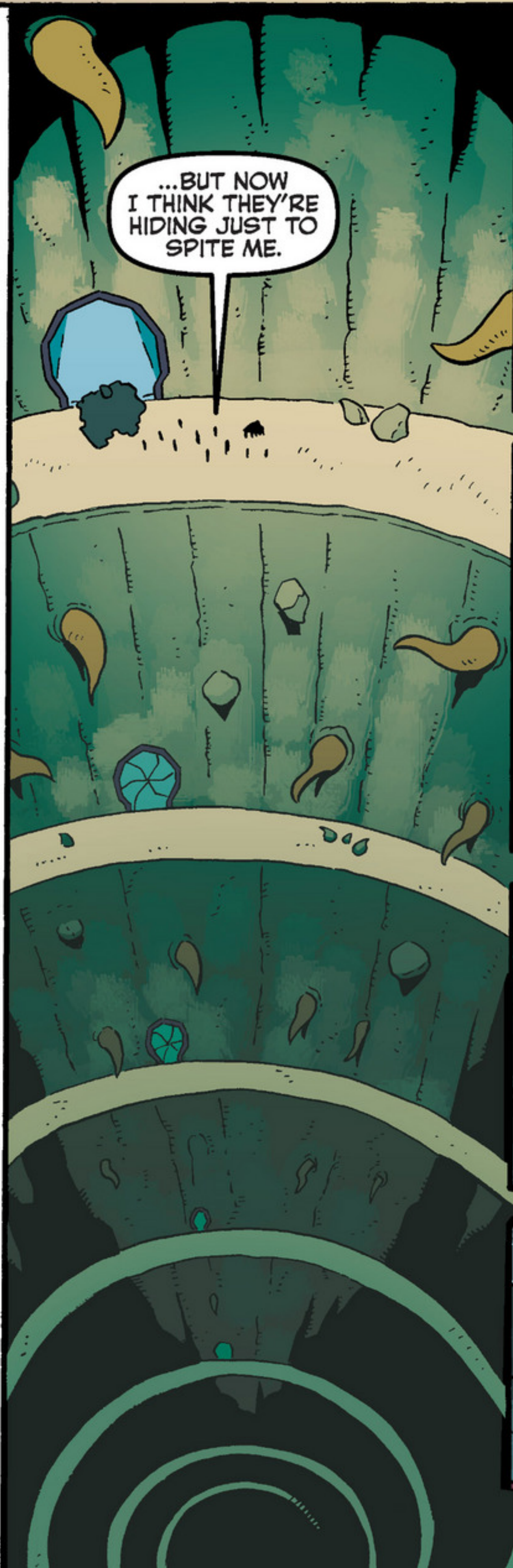
OF COURSE-- IF HE CANNOT BE SHOWN THE ERROR OF HIS WAYS.



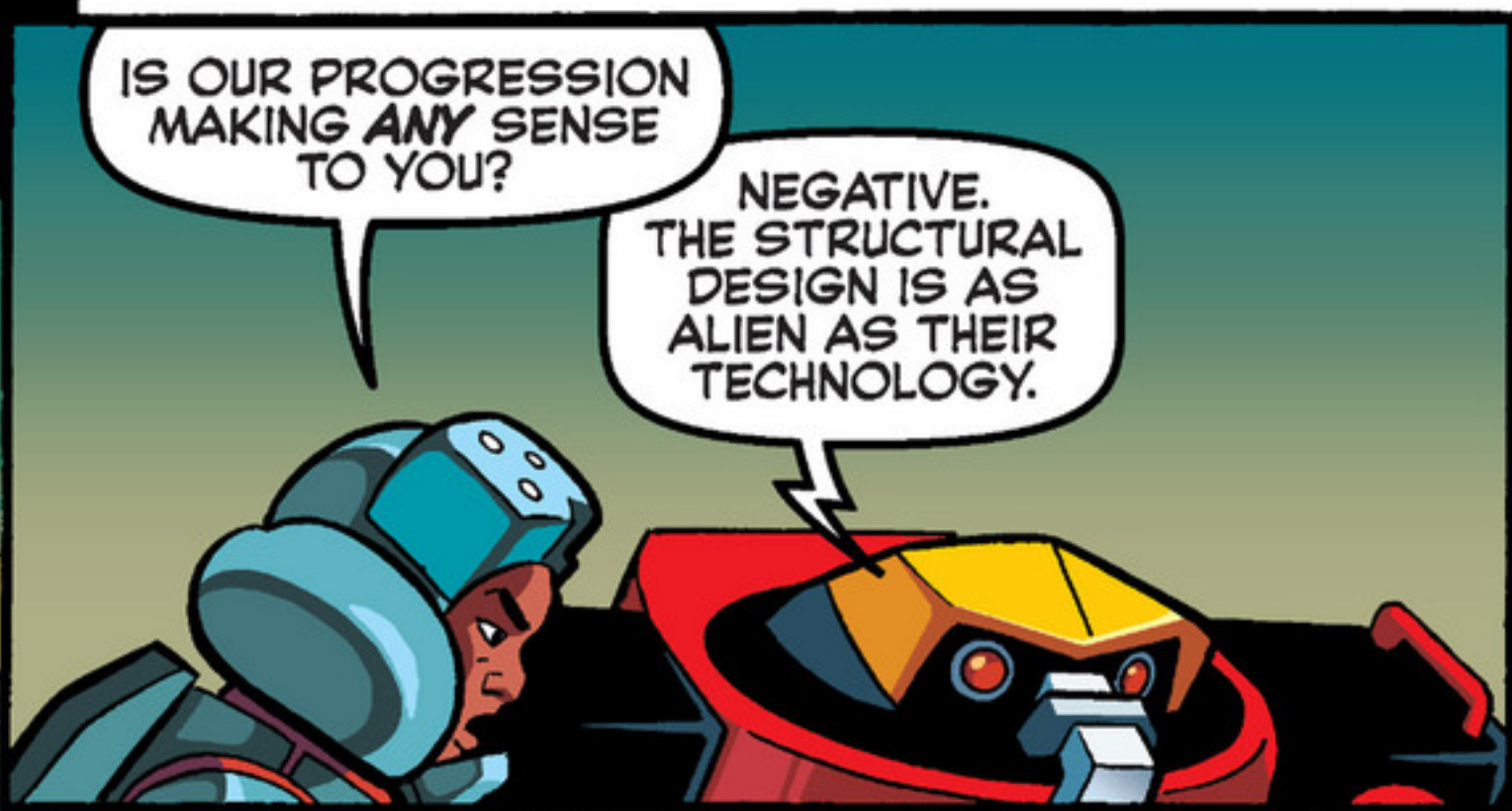
AFTER ALL, WE'RE SO FEW NOW. I'D HATE TO LOSE A... BROTHER.



Y'KNOW, I
JOKED ABOUT
THERE BEING
PLENTY OF
ALIENS TO
FIGHT...



...BUT NOW
I THINK THEY'RE
HIDING JUST TO
SPITE ME.



IS OUR PROGRESSION
MAKING ANY SENSE
TO YOU?

NEGATIVE.
THE STRUCTURAL
DESIGN IS AS
ALIEN AS THEIR
TECHNOLOGY.



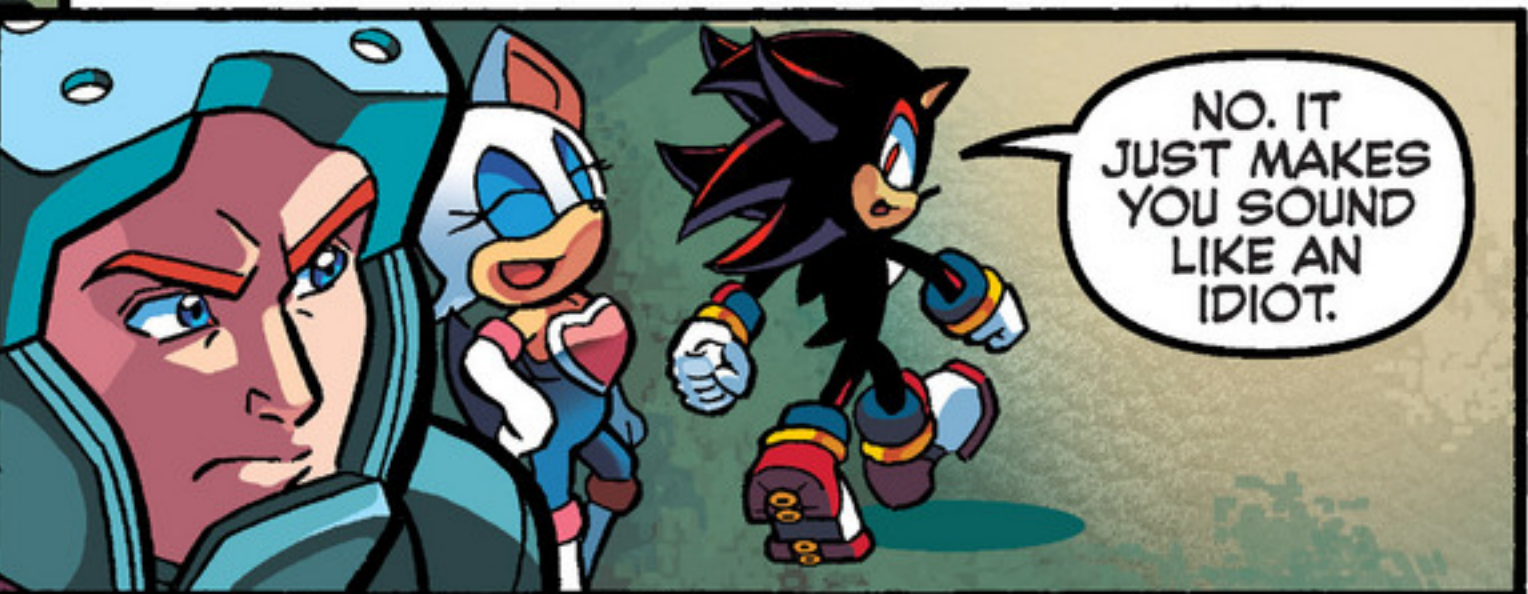
PROPOSAL:
I SHOOT US
A NEW HALL-
WAY.

TAKE IT EASY, TIN-MAN.
WE'VE GOT OUR RESIDENT
ALIEN-HYBRID-THING TO
SHOW US THE WAY.

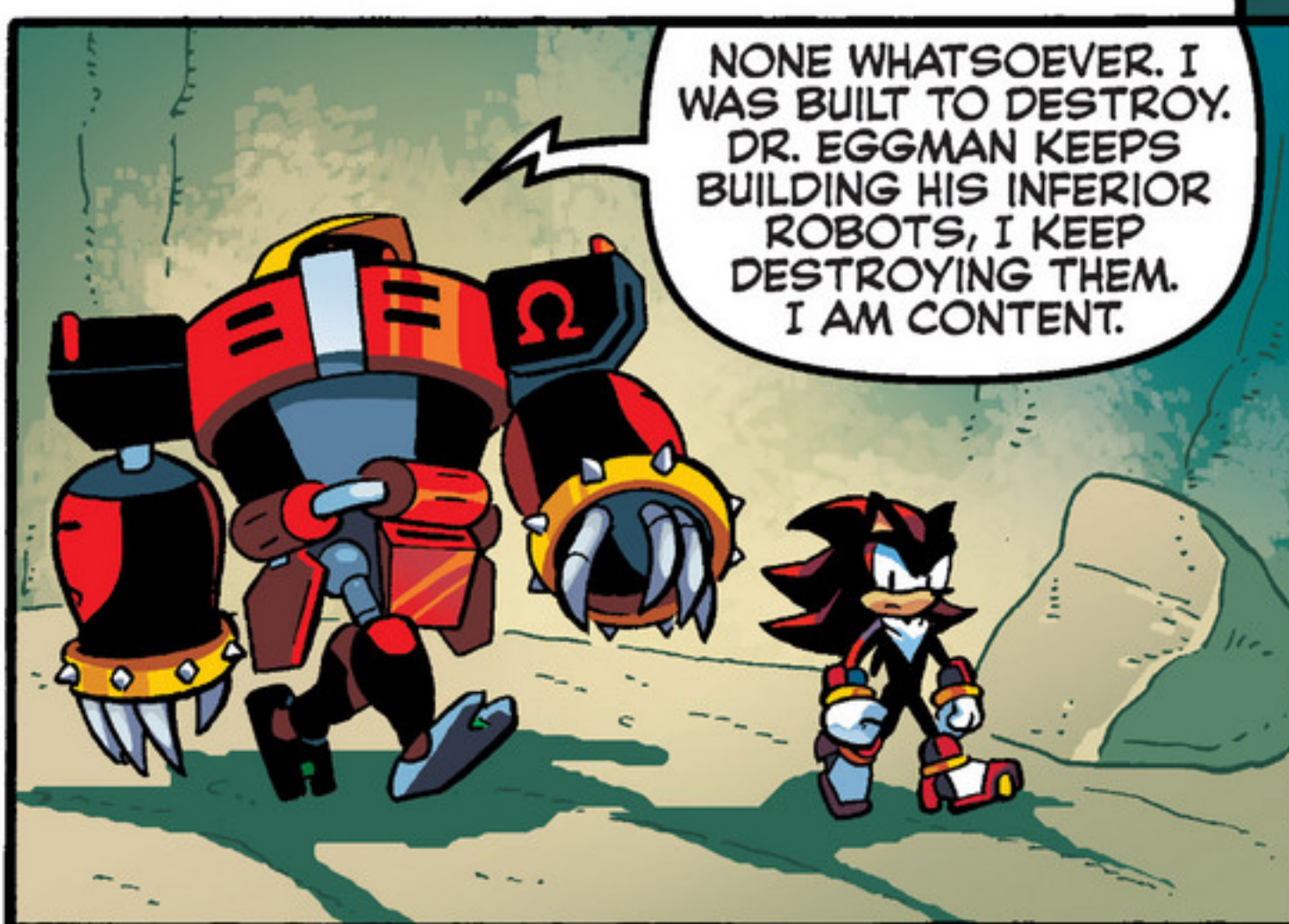
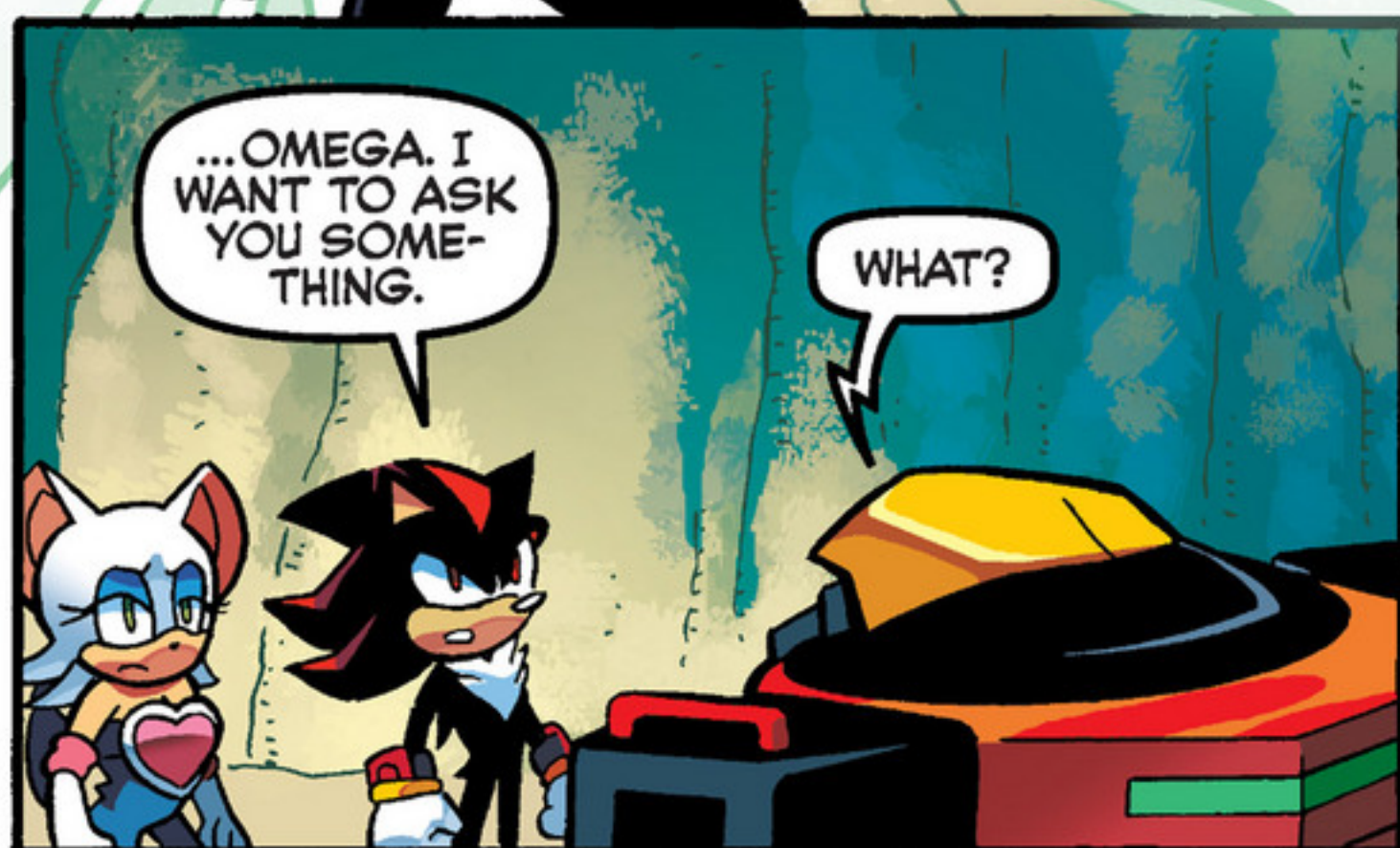
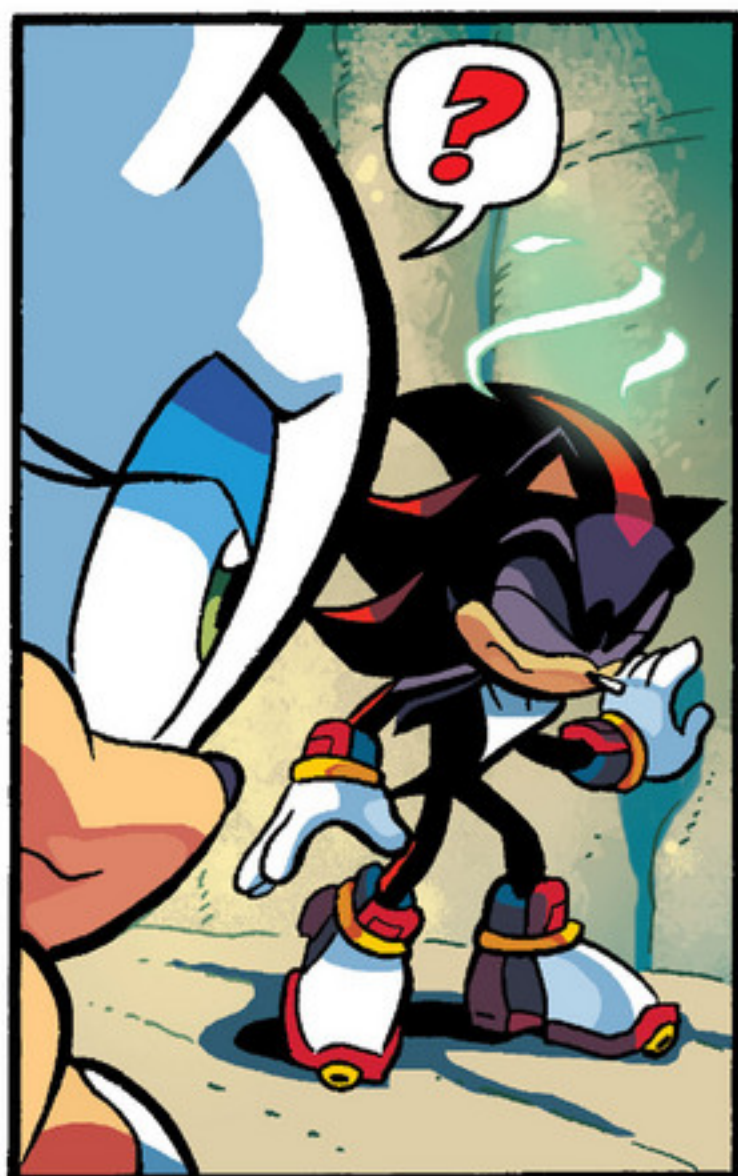


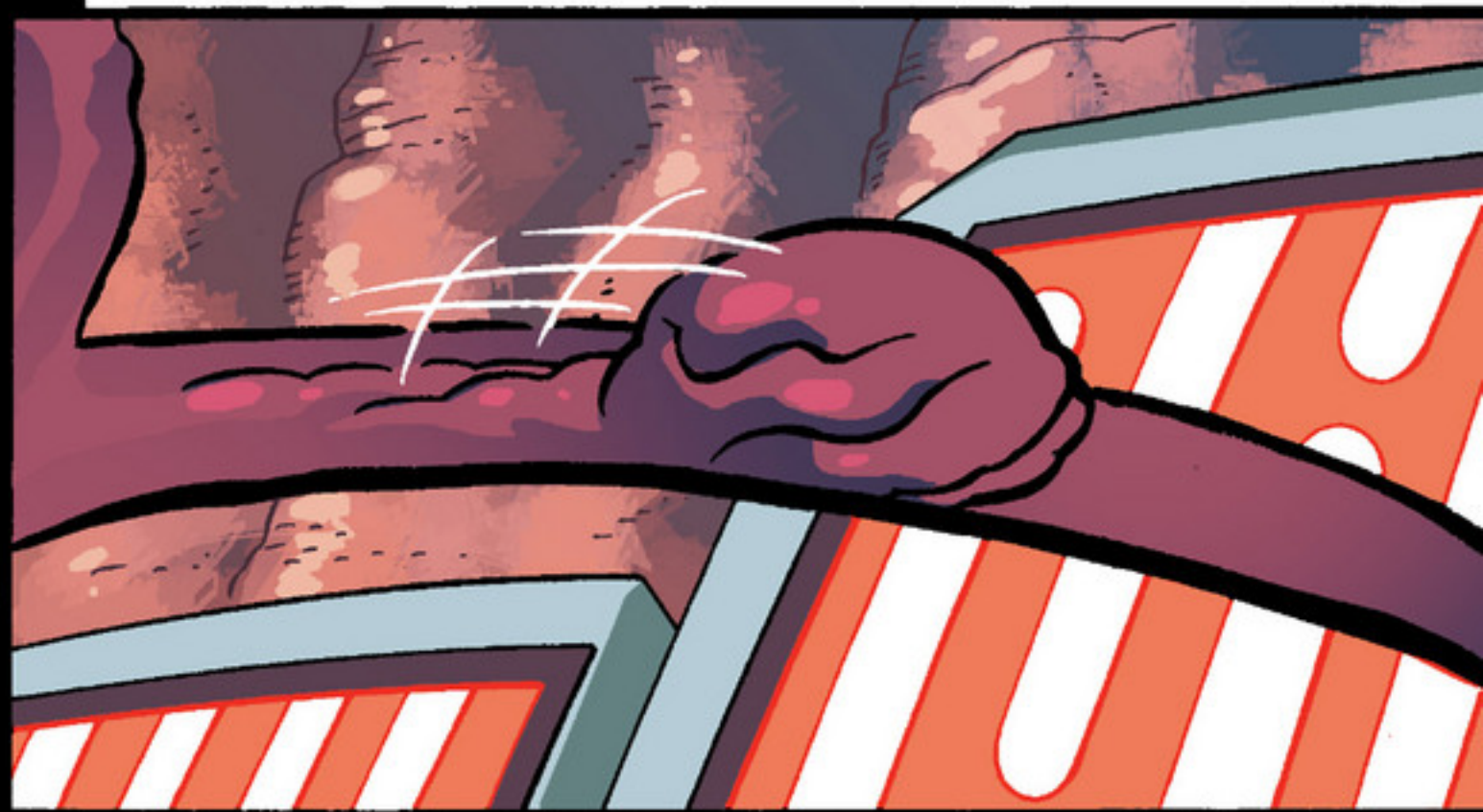
ARE YOU TRYING
TO ANTAGONIZE
ME?

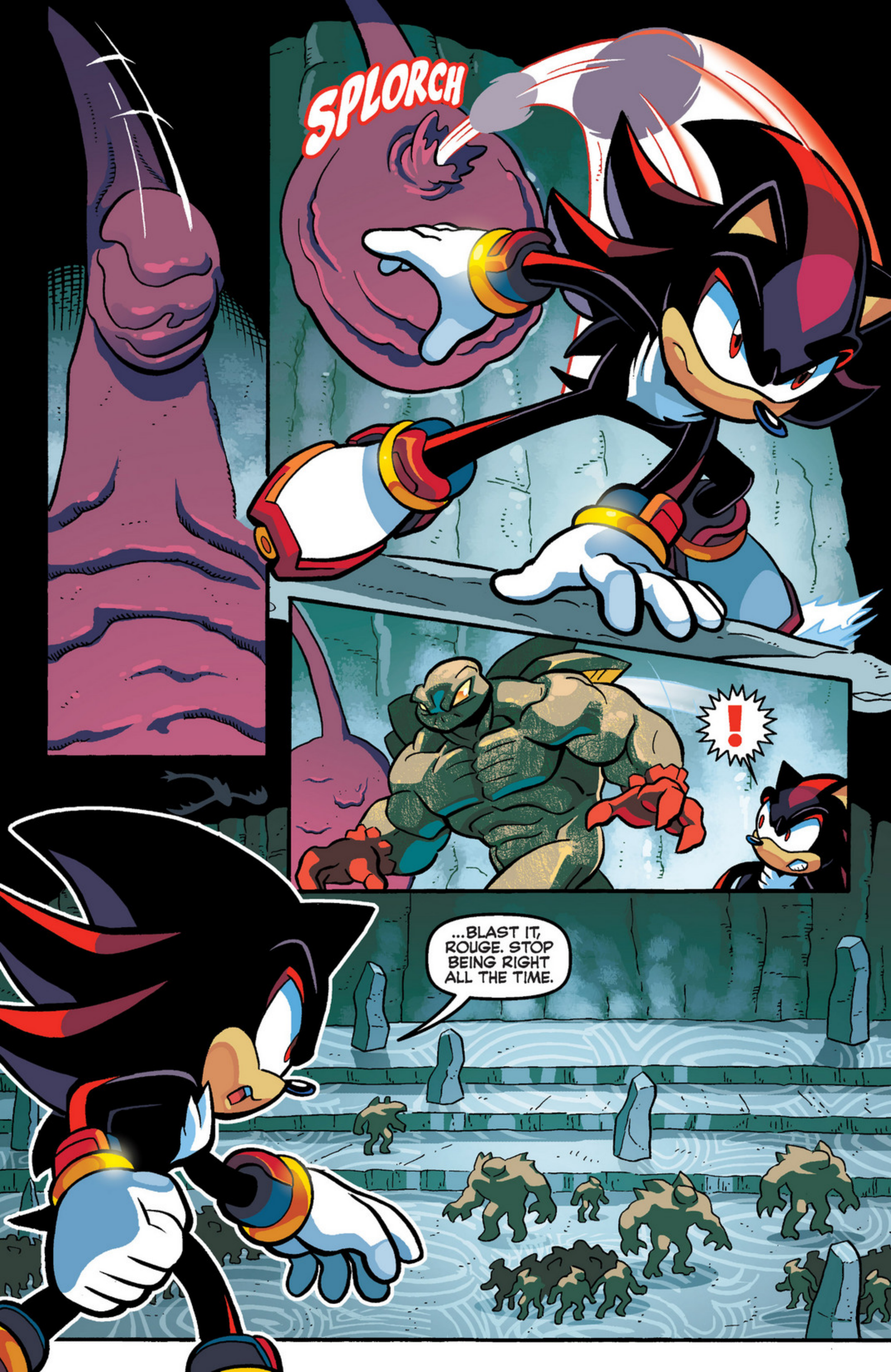
MAYBE. WHY?
DOES IT HURT
YOUR WITTLE
FEEWINGS?



NO. IT
JUST MAKES
YOU SOUND
LIKE AN
IDIOT.





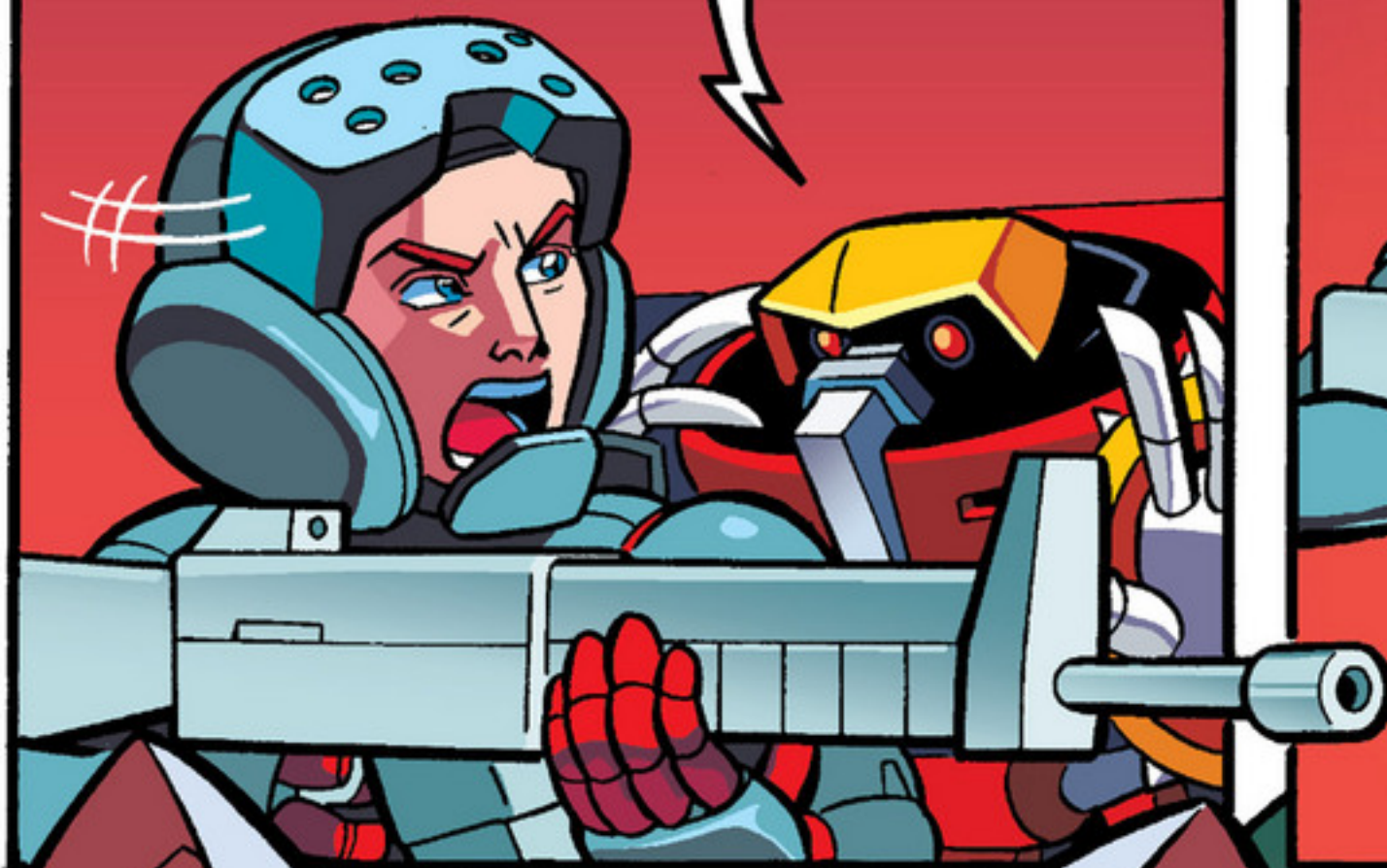


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SAFETIES
OFF! WE'VE GOT
INCOMING!

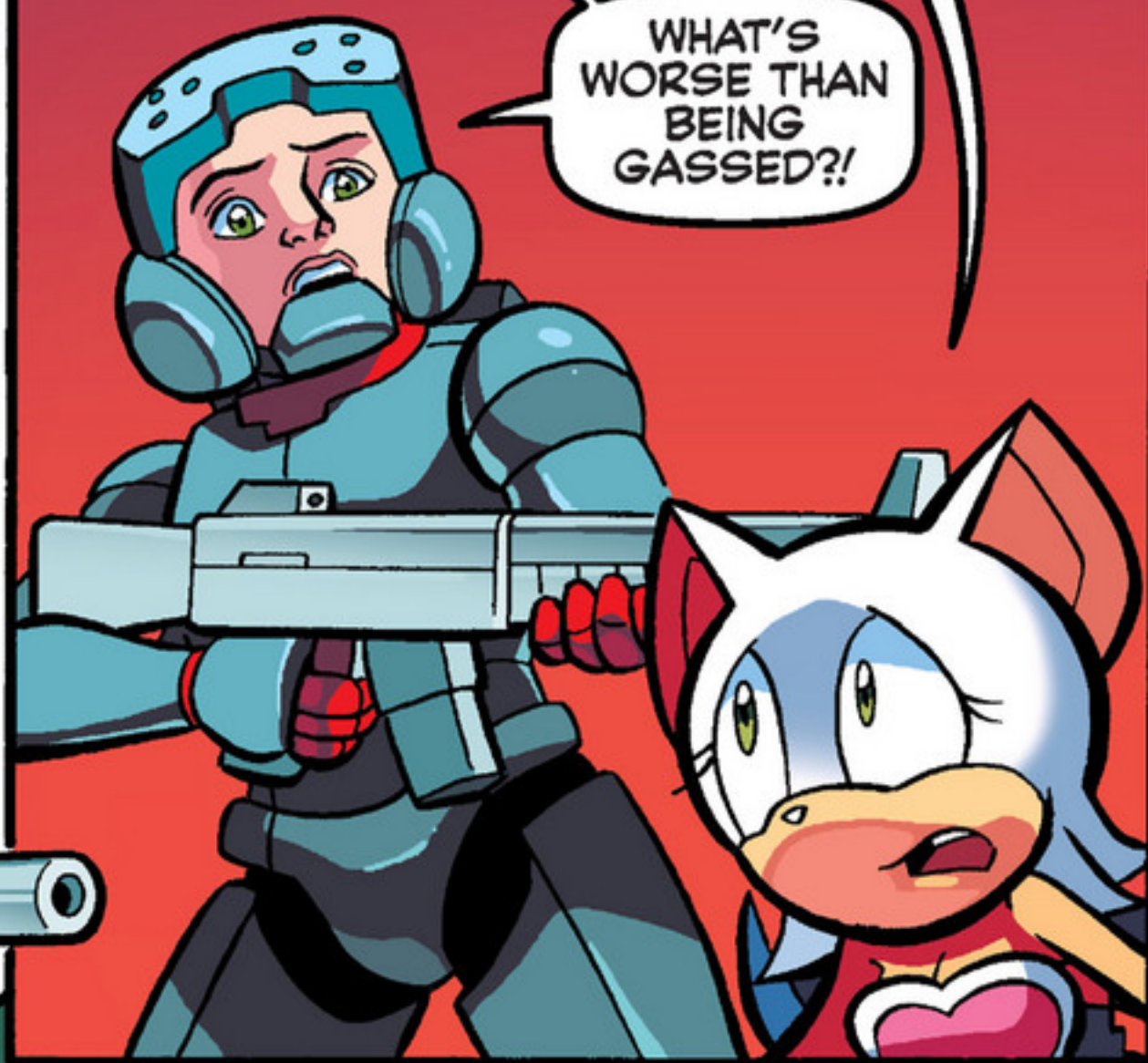
NEGATIVE--NO ALIEN
LIFE SIGNS DETECTED.
HOWEVER, I'M READING
TRACE ELEMENTS OF AN
AEROSOL NEUROTOXIN.
TEN PARTS PER MILLION
...THIRTY PARTS...
RISING...



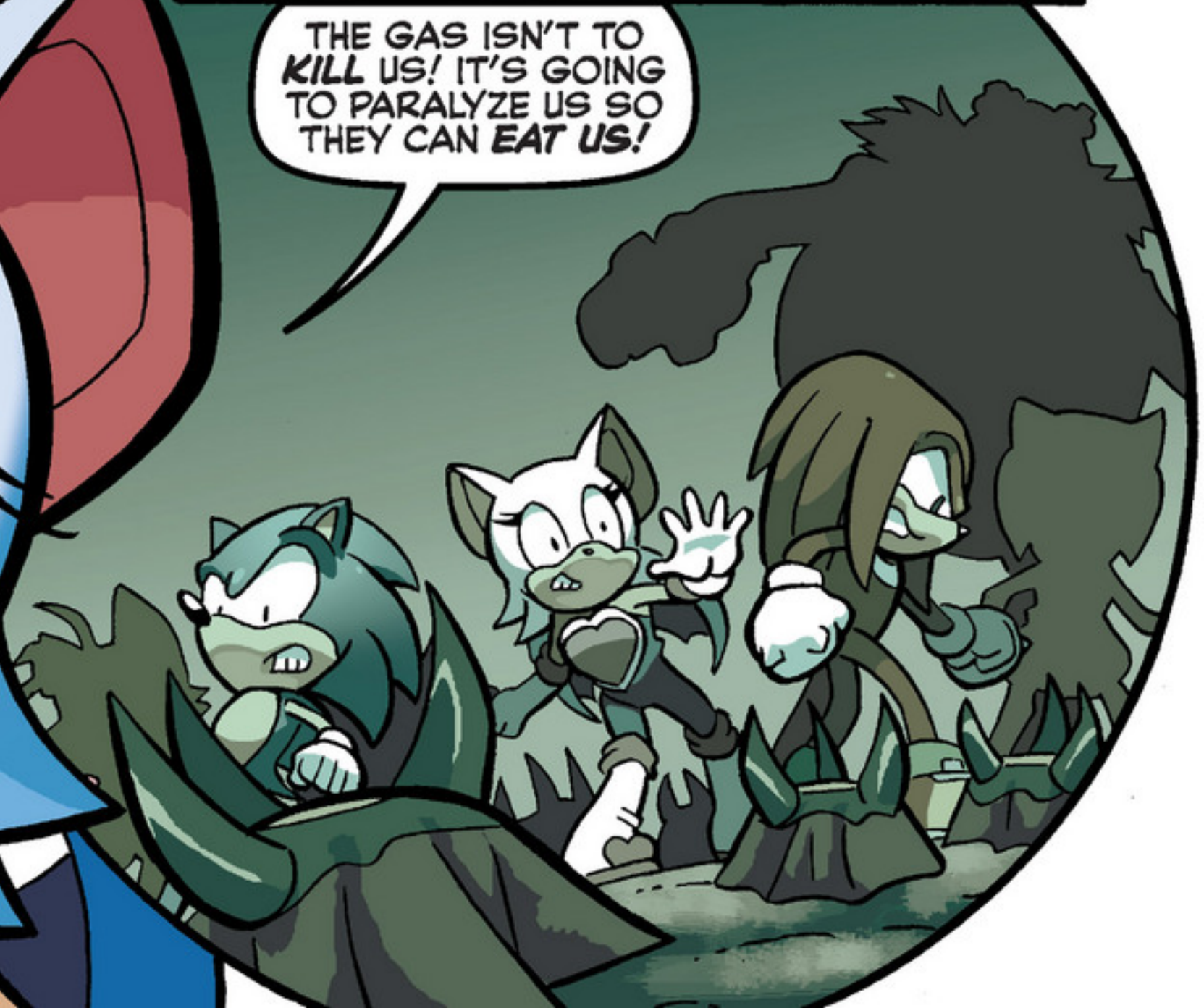
THEY'RE
GOING TO
GAS US!

WORSE! THEY
DID THIS TO US
ON THE FIRST
BLACK COMET!

WHAT'S
WORSE THAN
BEING
GASSED?!



THE GAS ISN'T TO
KILL US! IT'S GOING
TO PARALYZE US SO
THEY CAN **EAT** US!



MEANWHILE...

YOUR
AMBUSH
IS POINT-
LESS...

...WHEN I HAVE
**CHAOS
CONTROL!**

...WHAT?

SLAM



HOLD ON!
HOLD ON! WE
DON'T WANT
TO KILL HIM IF
WE DON'T
HAVE TO!

WHO...
WHO ARE
YOU?

ME?
I AM YOU,
IN A WAY.

A LIVING WEAPON,
BUILT FOR A SINGULAR
PURPOSE. THE BLACK ARM
BIOLOGY--PERFECTED.
I AM THE SHADOW THAT
BLOCKS OUT THE LAST
LIGHT OF HOPE.

I AM
ECLIPSE
THE DARKLING.

WHO IS ECLIPSE? WHAT IS HIS TIE TO SHADOW? HOW WILL ROUGE, OMEGA AND G.U.N. ESCAPE THEIR TRAP? IS THE WORLD DOOMED TO ALIEN INVASION?

DON'T MISS ALL THE ANSWERS AND THE ACTION NEXT TIME!

UNTIL THEN, CHECK OUT SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, THE SONIC SUPER SPECIAL MAGAZINE, SONIC SUPER DIGEST and THE GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!

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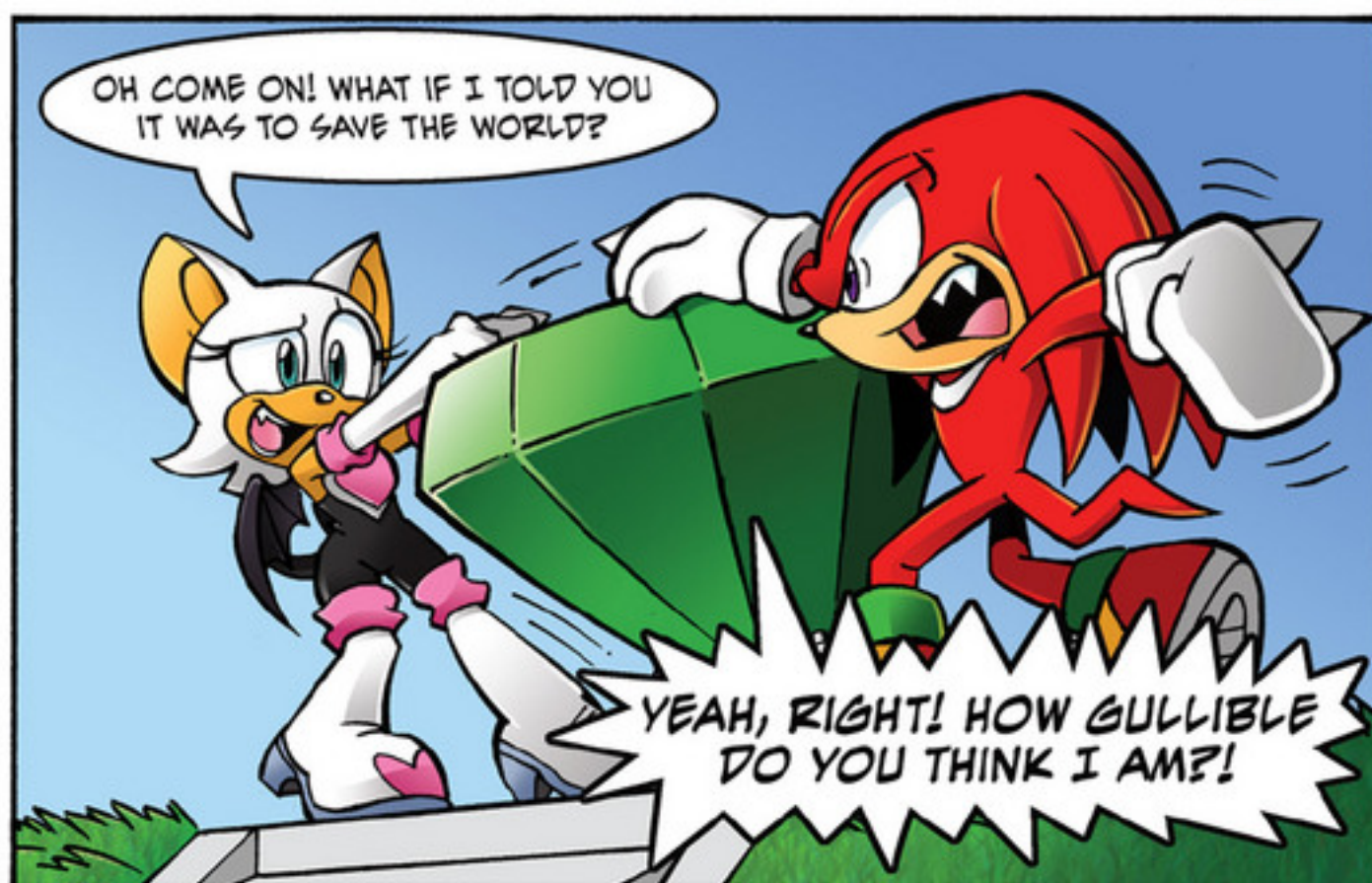
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Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'

Hey there sonic team it is Austin again! Remember Shadow's #1.1 fan?

I know you!

Well being a Shadow fan, I've recently heard of there being a new arc about Shadow and the Black Arms! Even though the comet passes every 50 years I'm glad that we don't have to wait that long hehe.

I hope this issue cleared up any confusion you might have had! This is an all-new comet with all-new threats!

Is it possible that Shadow could be convinced by these aliens and turn into a villain? That would be so awesome because I would love to see Shadow as a major threat against the Freedom Fighters!

Get a load of the preview page at the end of this comic and speculate for yourself! I think you'll be pleasantly surprised!

I am looking forward to 'Shadow Fall' and I can't wait to see how awesome it will be! Thank you

for your time and please keep up the good work!

Austin. J sent to
SONIC@ARCHIECOMICS.COM

Thanks, Austin! I don't have a SHADOW of a doubt that you'll enjoy this issue!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'

I just love the Chaotix and my favorite member is Vector. Can you tell Vector that he is the coolest?

Of course! I'm sure the coolest croc around would love to hear you're kind words as much as he loves good pay!

Is there a book with the Modern Chaotix?

Sonic Universe Vol. 3 has plenty of Chaotix action for ya! Check out the Sonic Universe coupon in this book and order your copy today! Plugplugplugplug!

I am planning to get all of the Chaotix Quest and since I am a fan of Vector I love to draw him. I even sent you guys some of my artwork of him!

Thanks!

Elijah sent to

SONIC@ARCHIECOMICS.COM

Thanks for the letter, Elijah! We love to hear that you enjoy the Chaotix so much because they're coming back really soon! Keep the fan art coming, we can't get enough!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
Hi there!

Hello!

I just wanted to say what a great job you guys have been doing, Sonic Universe has become my all-time favorite comic ever!

Many thanks to you, that's way past awesome to know!

That's all I wanted to say! Also, could I be Rouge's #1 fan?!

Billy C.
from Illinois

Thanks, Bill! You can be Rouge's #1 fan, sure! Unless of course any other Rouge fans out there would beg to differ?

See ya'll next month for part two of SHADOW FALL!

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